

Sunday, October 2, 2016  
Evening Worship | 6:00pm

# Fourth

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## Welcome

Hymn of Preparation No. 43

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Faithfulness

## Call to Worship

*The triune God calling his church to worship him*

## Prayer of Invocation

*Asking God to be present and to receive our worship through Christ*

Reading of the Law—Romans 3:9-20

Caitlin Curtis Ehlke

*God's perfect law condemns and convicts us of our sin and serves as a guide for the Christian life*

What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, as it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; no one understands; no one seeks for God. All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one. Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive. The venom of asps is under their lips. Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness. Their feet are swift to shed blood; in their paths are ruin and misery, and the way of peace they have not known. There is no fear of God before their eyes.” Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## Confession of Sin

*Acknowledging our sins to God and seeking his forgiveness*

### Private Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

O most gracious Father, you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. We confess that we all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. We have failed to take seriously your holy law. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom. But you have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and grace in him. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. In your promise is our hope. In your Son is our salvation and in your Spirit is our security. Receive us now as your children and give us the Spirit of your Son that we might live hereafter with singleness of heart for his glory. Amen.

Reading of the Gospel—Romans 3:21-26

*The Lord's declaration of our freedom from the penalty and power of sin*

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

## Hymns of Thanksgiving

Hymn No. 76

“O for a Thousand Tongues”

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Hymn No. 4

“How Great Thou Art”

How Great Thou Art

**Scripture Reading**

1 Peter 1:13-21

page 1014, pew Bible

**Prayer of Illumination**

*Asking God's Spirit to illumine our hearts and minds for the understanding and application of his Word*

**Sermon**

"The Exile's Hope"  
*4th in a series on the Book of 1 Peter*

Rev. Rob Yancey

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Closing Hymn No. 97**

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Coronation

**Benediction**

*Pronouncing God's blessing on his people*

*If you have an offering, please leave it in the plate at the back of the Sanctuary.*

***We welcome children in our worship service this evening.***

*If needed, Room 210, off lower Halverson Hall, is open for parents of young children.*

*A live-feed of the service is available as you care for your children.*

*If you have to leave the service, feel free to do so, but please come back.*

*As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me."*

***Next Sunday, October 9***

**Morning Service**

8:00, 9:30, 11:00am

"The Finger of God"

*Daniel 5:1-30*

Dr. Robert Norris

**Evening Service**

6:00pm

"The Necessity of the Word of God"

*1 Peter 1:22-2:3*

Mr. Terence Little

*A Deacons Offering will be received at all morning services on October 9.*

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.*

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